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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE- GROUP 1700/ART UNIT 1712

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR

WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE

COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME

ART UNIT

1712

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R. Lovering

May 27, 2003

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated February 26, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the indicated claims to read as follows: